

to obtain a better quality of life. Her career has been dedicated to the service of others by improving the educational attainment, workforce viability, and economic development of Northwest Indiana.

Tom Gryzbek, of Dyer, is the president of Franciscan Saint Margaret Health in Hammond and Dyer. Mr. Gryzbek earned a degree from the University of Illinois in 1974. Mr. Gryzbek has also earned a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University Northwest and a law degree from DePaul University College of Law. Soon after graduating, he joined the former Saint Margaret Hospital as a suggestion plan manager. Tom has since made his way up the ranks of the organization, serving in numerous capacities, including executive vice president and chief operating officer of Saint Margaret Mercy. In 2004, Tom was deservedly appointed to his current position. He also serves the religious community of Northwest Indiana as a Gary Diocese deacon at Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish in Merrillville.

Steve Pangere, of Crown Point, is the president and chief executive officer of The Pangere Corporation and Culver Roofing Incorporated, both located in Gary. The Pangere Corporation was founded by Steve's grandfather, John Pangere, who opened the company in Gary after arriving to the Calumet Region from Greece in 1905. Steve Pangere hopes his sons, Nick and Tony, will someday take over the company, making it a fourth generation family business. Steve Pangere has managed to lead a successful corporation while battling the effects of progressive vision loss due to Rod-Cone Dystrophy. He is an advocate and an inspiration to the visually impaired and has contributed to many worthy causes around the Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana region.

Mr. Speaker, the lives of every citizen living in Northwest Indiana has been enriched because of the selfless good work of these five extraordinary individuals. I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding leaders on their induction into the Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame. These individuals are most deserving of being named the Class of 2012, and for their leadership and commitment to the Northwest Indiana community, each of them is worthy of our respect and admiration.

**HONORING DAVID SMITH ON HIS
DISTINGUISHED CAREER**

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the long public service career of Mr. David Smith, who is retiring this month as Maricopa County Manager after more than 17 years as the county's top appointed official.

Mr. Smith's career dates back to 1968, when he served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, including two years in Vietnam. Since this time, Mr. Smith has received countless recognitions for his work, including the honor of being named Governing Magazine's "Public Official of the Year" in 2001.

Beginning first as a lobbyist for Westchester County, NY, it was there, that he first learned the art of the legislative process and the nuances of federal, state and local governance. In December 1994, he arrived in Phoenix in the midst of a fiscal crisis. In response, he fashioned a strategic plan based on realistic economic analysis, accurate forecasts, smart budgeting, continuous fiscal oversight, and a relentless quest for service improvement. His efforts have in turn helped Maricopa County establish a Triple A bond rating, no general obligation debt, a structurally balanced budget, and more Arizona Quality Awards than any other public or private entity in the state.

Through Mr. Smith's fiscal discipline, Maricopa County was able to build satellite facilities, correction centers, and courthouses with cash reserves, saving hundreds of millions in interest payments that bonding would incur. Also, due in large part to his guidance, Maricopa County's adult probation department is considered a national leader in evidence-based practices and reducing recidivism.

Noting the fiscal challenges associated with rising health care costs, Mr. Smith pushed the county to invest in public health programs. As such, more Arizonans are able to take advantage of health screenings and assessments and the county will also soon open a clinic for integrative medicine, utilizing alternative therapies.

Like many urban centers, downtown Phoenix has needed to address the concerns of chronically homeless adults. Therefore, Mr. Smith proposed a one-stop service center and organized a public-private response with county government taking the lead. Today, the Human Service Campus provides its clients with professional support and resources, and uniquely, through its establishment, has helped spur private economic investment in downtown Phoenix.

Mr. Smith is retiring from county government, but his leadership, vision, and focus will surely have a lasting impact in Maricopa County. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in thanking Mr. Smith for his work and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement as Maricopa County Manager.

JIM COLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Jim Cole on the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of service to the State of Missouri and our veterans.

Jim began his career as a Local Veterans Employment Representative for the Missouri Career Center in 1989, and in the 23 years that have passed since then, he has worked tirelessly to help our veterans find employment. Jim helps coordinate the largest career fair in the northwest region of Missouri, which is held in St. Joseph every year. In 2006, Jim was able to visit Washington, D.C. to receive the State Veteran Services Award from the Department of Labor for his hard work.

Jim is also a veteran himself. Before he began his work for the Missouri Career Cen-

ter, he served in the United States Navy two different times, first serving from 1972–1976, then again from 1977–1981. Jim worked as an Aviation Structural Mechanic repairing A-7 aircraft carrier planes. His life's dedication and hard work should serve as an example of how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Now that Jim will be retired, he will have more time for his other passions in life, namely, motorcycles. The biker dude will finally be able to ride into the sunset on his new Harley Softail, and take long camping trips with his wife, Elizabeth. As I understand it, Jim was hit by an older driver while driving a motorcycle as a teenager, and thought it would be funny to pretend to be in serious pain to scare the old man. Now that he will be the retired driver, I send him best wishes on avoiding a replay of that day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Jim Cole for his dedicated service to Missouri's veterans. I know Jim's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.

**CONGRATULATING THE 2012 MAKE
A DIFFERENCE DAY WINNERS
FROM LAS VEGAS**

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to acknowledge the great work of the volunteers of Las Vegas, Nevada, involved with the 13th annual Make A Difference Day food drive. These volunteers from Las Vegas have been selected as national 2012 Make a Difference Day winners. Make a Difference Day is a celebration of the power of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA Weekend, Make a Difference Day is an annual day of service that mobilizes more than three million volunteers to create change in their community.

This group of outstanding volunteers from Las Vegas has made a substantial impact on our community by collecting 3,500 pounds of canned food. For the past 13 years on Make a Difference day, publicist Mary Vail has teamed up with local grocery stores and encouraged shoppers to buy just one extra can of food to donate. This year, the Smith's Food and Drug store in the Summerlin community served as the event's host location. Volunteers included Mayor Pro Tem Stavros Anthony, TV talent show contestants, and local news personalities who came by to support Mary Vail and her 22 volunteers. Throughout the 13 years Mary Vail has been holding these food drives, she has collected 22.3 tons of food and toiletries for the Salvation Army.

I want to congratulate these outstanding Nevadans for their leadership and great work in the community. I am proud they will be honored here in Washington during National Volunteer Week for their service at the Points of Light event, Celebrating People in Action, on April 19.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 my flights from Illinois did not arrive in Washington at their predicted time. As a result, I was unable to attend the first vote on rollcall No. 154. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the Question of Consideration of the Resolution.

HONORING QUINTON COLE
WHITAKER**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Quinton Cole Whitaker. Quinton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Quinton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Quinton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Quinton has become a Foxman, a Warrior in the Tribe of the Mic-O-Say and has acted as Patrol Leader and Den Chief. Quinton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Quinton, after discussion with the Elmo, Missouri Betterment Club created a new park, complete with a trio of all wooden picnic tables and a pair of A frame swings.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Quinton Cole Whitaker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING ANNE AND
JACK MURPHY**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I offer my warmest congratulations today to Anne and Jack Murphy on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary and Anne's 90th birthday. We join in celebration with their three children and their families including seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Anne's sister, Mary Jane, their nieces and nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Teresa Anne McSorley was born on March 23, 1922, at the McSorley Ranch in Chili Gulch, near Mokelumne Hill, in Calaveras County, California, and Raymond "Jack" Murphy was born on March 16, 1918, and raised at the Murphy family home on St. Charles Street in San Andreas, also in Calaveras County, California.

The young couple first met at a dance at the Mokelumne Hill Town Hall in 1935 when they were 14 and 18. Jack graduated from Calaveras High School in 1935 and went on to earn a MBA Degree in Business from Stanford University in 1941. Anne, also a graduate of Calaveras High School, Class of 1939, went on to attend UC Berkeley for two years and Munson School of Business, and later worked for the manager of Rexall Drug Store in San Francisco. The couple dated for about three years, became engaged and were married on May 2, 1942, in San Andreas, before Jack became an ensign for the US Navy. Jack served in the Second World War in Alaska, then Europe and finally the Pacific Theater in 1945. Jack Murphy attained the rank of Lieutenant, Senior Grade was given command of the USSYS 359, a mine sweeper.

Anne and Jack Murphy have three children, Kathleen; Dennis; and Teresa; and raised them in California at homes they made in Park Merced, Santa Monica, Sherman Oaks, and Corona Del Mar. Jack managed the Murphy Hain Company, while Anne devoted her time and talents to her family, her children's Catholic schools and her favorite charity, St. Anne's, until the couple retired to their current home in Roseville, Northern California.

Anne and Jack Murphy teach us all that is key to a long life and happy marriage: love, friendship, mutual respect, faith, patience, humor, rounds of golf, card games, good books, soap operas, time in the yard, hometown memories, world travel, family vacations and trips to the ranch, a cocktail or two, and the value of time spent with family and friends.

HONORING JOURNEYMEN LINEMEN

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this day, April 18, as a day of honor for Journeymen Linemen.

Accordingly, I have introduced H. Res. 561 to recognize April 18, 2012, as National Journeymen Linemen Day in order to honor these brave men and women for their contributions to protect public safety.

Journeymen Linemen are often the first responders during a storm or other catastrophic event, which means these brave men and women are often required to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes. Linemen work with thousands of bolts of electricity high atop power lines every day of the year in order to protect the nation from dangerous electrical currents.

The profession of Journeymen Linemen is steeped in tradition and family, both professionally and personally. Generations ago, Linemen climbed poles using hooks and blocks, but as technology has grown through the years, innovative Linemen have pioneered advancements with innovative materials, altering the direction of line work for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the extraordinary commitment and courage demonstrated everyday by the nation's Journeymen Linemen.

HONORING ALEX JOSEPH
ALSHOUSE**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Joseph Alshouse. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has earned the Order of the Arrow, Star Rank, Life Scout and is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Alex has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alex oversaw construction and installation of two bridges over a ravine so that students at Northview Elementary School could evacuate further away from the school in case of an emergency.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Joseph Alshouse for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CAPTAIN KYLEANNE
HUNTER, U.S.M.C.**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Captain Kyleanne Hunter served in the office of the Second District of South Carolina as a Military Fellow from January–December 2010. After leaving our office, she served in the Marine Corps Liaison office on Capitol Hill. In the coming months, Captain Hunter plans to serve in a Reserve unit with the U.S. Marine Corps while attending graduate school at the University of Denver. She has been accepted into the very competitive Sié Fellows Program which will further her education in international studies.

Throughout her service, she consistently demonstrated her expertise and knowledge by providing timely and accurate information to the Congressional Members and their respective staffs. Captain Hunter was a vital asset for all matters relating to the Marine Corps in the House of Representatives. Members and staffers alike respected and trusted Captain Hunter's straightforward and dependable assistance. Her forthrightness and knowledge were key attributes in maintaining the Marine Corps' superb relationships with the many Members of the House of Representatives.

Throughout her tour, Captain Hunter personally responded to, or supervised hundreds of congressional inquiries, some of which gained national level attention. Through her exceptional inter-personal skills and broad knowledge in a wide range of military affairs,